

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Keith Bales, on April 6, 2009 at 8:00  
A.M., in Room 317 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Keith Bales, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Dave Lewis, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)  
Sen. Debby Barrett (R)  
Sen. John Brenden (R)  
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)  
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)  
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)  
Sen. Rick Laible (R)  
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)  
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)  
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)  
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)  
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)  
Sen. Carol Williams (D)  
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

##### **Members Excused:**

Sen. John Brueggeman (R)  
Sen. John Esp (R)  
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary  
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 152, 4/1/2009; 213, 4/1/2009;  
644, 4/1/2009; 676, 4/1/2009

Executive Action: None

00:00:01 Chairman Bales  
00:02:05 Vice-Chair Lewis

**HEARING ON HB 152**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:35 Rep. Robin Hamilton (D), HD 92, opened the hearing on  
HB 152, Quality schools facility grant program.

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**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:06:03 Director Tony Preite, Department of Commerce (COM)  
00:10:52 Jan Lombardi, Education Advisor to the Governor (GOV)  
00:13:04 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association (MSBA) and  
for Darrell Rud, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)  
00:14:18 Dave Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)  
00:15:43 Kristina Davis, Montana Childrens Defense Fund  
00:17:47 Director David Ewer, Office of Budget and Program  
Planning (OBPP)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:21:21 None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:21:35 Tom Schultz, Administrator, School Trust Lands  
Division, Department of Natural Resources and  
Conservation (DNRC)  
00:24:43 Joe Triem, Architectural and Engineering Division  
00:25:17 Nancy Hall, OBPP

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:25:49 Sen. Laible  
00:26:21 Mr. Schultz, DNRC  
00:27:42 Sen. Laible  
00:27:52 Mr. Schultz

00:28:38 Sen. Laible  
 00:28:54 Mr. Preite, COM  
 00:29:40 Rep. Ripley  
 00:29:58 Mr. Vogle, MSBA  
 00:30:19 Rep. Ripley  
 00:30:24 Mr. Vogle  
 00:30:48 Rep. Ripley  
 00:31:32 Mr. Vogle  
 00:32:12 Vice-Chair Lewis  
 00:32:19 Sen. Barrett  
 00:33:13 Marty Tuttle, Chief Legal Counsel, COM  
 00:35:11 Sen. Barrett  
 00:35:27 Mr. Tuttle, COM  
 00:36:41 Sen. Barrett  
 00:37:04 Mr. Tuttle  
 00:38:13 Sen. Barrett  
 00:38:33 Mr. Tuttle  
 00:39:32 Vice-Chair Lewis  
 00:39:34 Sen. Hansen  
 00:40:03 Mr. Tuttle  
 00:42:03 Sen. Hawks  
 00:42:49 Mr. Tuttle  
 00:42:58 Sen. Hawks  
 00:43:13 Mr. Tuttle  
 00:45:14 Sen. Hawks  
 00:45:33 Mr. Tuttle  
 00:45:56 Vice-Chair Lewis  
 00:46:35 Ms. Hall, OBPP  
 00:46:57 Vice-Chair Lewis  
 00:47:13 Mr. Schultz  
 00:47:35 Vice-Chair Lewis  
 00:47:51 Sen. Cooney  
 00:48:49 Director Preite  
 00:50:14 Sen. Cooney  
 00:50:15 Vice-Chair Lewis

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:50:24 Rep. Hamilton

**HEARING ON HB 213**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:52:03 Rep. Jon Sesso (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on HB 213, Establish SW Montana veteran's home.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:56:04 Jim Jacobsen, Montana American Legion  
01:02:14 Larry Longfellow, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)  
01:02:44 Bob Pavlovich, Butte  
01:04:22 Vice-Chair Lewis  
01:04:33 Mike Foster, Saint James Healthcare, Butte  
01:05:25 Vice-Chair Lewis

**Opponents' Testimony:**

None

**Informational Testimony:**

01:05:38 Kelly Williams, Senior and Long Term Care Division,  
Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

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**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:06:45 Sen. Hawks  
01:08:19 Rep. Sesso  
01:09:33 Sen. Hawks  
01:09:46 Rep. Sesso  
01:10:36 Ms. Williams, DPHHS  
01:10:38 Sen. Hawks  
01:11:24 Ms. Williams  
01:12:42 Sen. Laible  
01:13:11 Ms. Williams  
01:13:34 Sen. Laible  
01:13:55 Ms. Williams  
01:14:26 Sen. Laible  
01:14:45 Ms. Williams  
01:15:30 Sen. Schmidt  
01:16:08 Ms. Williams  
01:16:47 Sen. Schmidt  
01:16:59 Ms. Williams  
01:17:47 Vice-Chair Lewis  
01:17:58 Rep. Sesso  
01:18:16 Sen. Barrett  
01:18:43 Ms. Williams  
01:19:39 Sen. Barrett  
01:19:57 Ms. Williams  
01:20:13 Sen. Barrett  
01:20:23 Ms. Williams  
01:20:47 Vice-Chair Lewis  
01:20:52 Sen. Schmidt

01:21:09 Ms. Williams  
01:22:14 Sen. Schmidt  
01:22:21 Ms. Williams  
01:22:40 Vice-Chair Lewis  
01:22:45 Sen. Barrett  
01:23:11 Rep. Sesso  
01:24:41 Vice-Chair Lewis

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:24:50 Rep. Sesso

**HEARING ON HB 644**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:26:37 Rep. Jon Sesso (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on HB 644, Funding for national folk festival.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:37:56 George Everett, Festival Director

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01:41:25 Mr. Pavlovich  
01:41:44 Steve Yeakel, representing himself  
01:44:01 Alec Hansen, representing himself  
01:45:32 Dave Schulz, Madison County Commissioner, Madison  
County Development Council  
01:46:04 Barbara Miller, Southwest Montana Economic Development  
01:47:53 Vice-Chair Lewis

**Opponents' Testimony:**

None

**Informational Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:48:15 Sen. Barrett  
01:48:43 Rep. Sesso  
01:49:24 Sen. Zinke  
01:50:04 Rep. Sesso  
01:52:10 Sen. Zinke  
01:52:39 Rep. Sesso

01:54:33 Sen. Schmidt

01:55:02 Rep. Sesso

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:55:57 Rep. Sesso

**HEARING ON HB 676**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:56:59 Rep. Jon Sesso (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on HB 676, Statutory implementation of general appropriations act.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

02:03:53 Jamee Greer ,Montana Human Rights Network

02:05:00 Kristina Davis, Montana Childrens Defense Fund

**Opponents' Testimony:**

None

**Informational Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:05:49 Rep. Sesso

02:06:08 Vice-Chair Lewis

02:06:16 Chairman Bales

02:10:36 Sen. Hawks

02:10:51 Chairman Bales

02:11:30 Sen. Hawks

02:11:47 Chairman Bales

02:11:59 Sen. Hawks

02:12:15 Chairman Bales

02:13:40 Sen. Hawks

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02:15:30 Sen. Schmidt

02:15:45 Chairman Bales

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:21 P.M.

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Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([fcs75aad.pdf](#))**